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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE FOR KING HASSAN

1. FOLLOWING IS MESSAGE TO BE PASSED TO KING HASSAN:
2. THE PRESIDENT GREATLY APPRECIATED THE KING'S MESSAGE WHICH HE FOUND NOT ONLY MOST INFORMATIVE BUT TIMELY. IN
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THIS RESPECT, IT WAS MOST USEFUL FOR PRESIDENT CARTER TO HAVE HAD THE KING'S VIEWS ON THE EVE OF THE VISIT OF PRESIDENT SADAT SINCE THE DANGEROUS SITUATION IN AFRICA, IN GENERAL, AND ZAIRE, IN PARTICULAR, WERE CENTRAL ISSUES IN THE DISCUSSIONS DURING SADAT'S STAY IN WASHINGTON.

3. THE PRESIDENT WISHES TO ASSURE THE KING THAT HE SHARES

THE KING'S GRAVE CONCERN OVER THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION IN ZAIRE. AS THE KING OBSERVED, THE UNITED STATES CANNOT BECOME INVOLVED WITH ITS OWN TROOPS. BUT THE PRESIDENT WISHES TO ASSURE THE KING THAT THE U.S. IS DETERMINED TO HELP. THE PRESIDENT WELL RECOGNIZES THE REQUIREMENT FOR ZAIRE'S FRIENDS TO ASSIST IN OVERCOMING THE PRESENT SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ZAIRE.

4. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WE WILL BE INTENSIFYING OUR OWN DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY IN SUPPORT OF THE NIGERIAN MEDIATION EFFORT TO COMPLEMENT THE OTHER ASSISTANCE. SUBJECT TO CONGRESSIONAL LIMITATIONS, WE ARE RESPONDING TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY TO MOBUTU'S REQUEST TO US FOR ASSISTANCE. THIS WILL INCLUDE THE DISPATCH OF SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITIES OF SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT. IN ADDITION, WE PLAN TO ASSIST PRESIDENT MOBUTU ECONOMICALLY BY SPEEDING UP THE SIGNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A SECURITY SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE COMMODITY IMPORT LOAN AND A PL-480 AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY LOAN, AS WELL AS FACILITATING SYMPATHETIC TREATMENT OF ZAIRE'S DEBT PROBLEM.

5. THE PRESIDENT WOULD WELCOME THE KING'S FURTHER THOUGHTS ON THE SITUATION. THE VISIT OF UNDER SECRETARY HABIB TO MOROCCO NEXT WEEK WILL PROVIDE A FURTHER OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS OUR MUTUAL CONCERNS OVER THIS SERIOUS ISSUE. FINALLY, THE PRESIDENT LOOKS FORWARD TO KEEPING IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH HIS MAJESTY AS THIS DIFFICULT SITUATION EVOLVES.

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